

consideration on their merits. A grant of the petition would render the present Office Action moot.

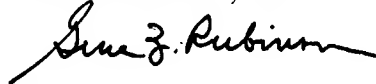
The statement of the rejection of claims 8 through 10 summarily repeats the rejection in the previous Office Action. The Office Action has ignored the points made by the Appeal Brief. In response to the rejection of claims 8 through 10, the Appeal Brief is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. The rejection is traversed for the reasons set forth in the Appeal Brief.

The withdrawal in the Office Action of claims 1 through 7 from consideration is traversed for the reasons fully set forth in the Appeal Brief and the petition. Claims 1 through 7 are directed to the elected species and readable on Fig. 12, as explained in detail in the petition and the Appeal Brief. Claims 1 through 7 patentably distinguish from Auld, for the same reasons as claims 8 through 10 as fully explained in the Appeal Brief.

The present document fully responds to every point raised in the Office Action, at least to the same specificity as the presentation of the Office Action. Allowance of claims 1 through 10 is respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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